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► Germany's Dominik Stork, left, tries to hit a shot over the block from Norway's Robin Bergheim during an afternoon match at the under-21 FIVB Beach Volleyball Swatch Junior World Championships yesterday on the Halifax waterfront. Germany squeaked past Norway in three sets. More coverage, page 4.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

## Junior volleyballers aim high

## Mill closure may spread power pain

► NSPI forecasts 10.1 per cent less energy consumption in 2012 with NewPage closure

Nova Scotia's privately owned energy utility says the closure of one of its biggest customers could result in higher energy rates for everyone next year.

Rene Gallant, vice-president of regulatory affairs for Nova Scotia Power Inc., said yesterday the savings on fuel costs as a result of the NewPage mill closing would be offset by the utility's fixed costs.

"Fuel costs are lower when you don't have to serve a load of that size," he said, after a meeting with consumer and industry advocates.

"However, (NewPage was) a customer that was paying a big portion of (NSPI's) fixed costs, and all of those costs will be picked up, we expect, by other customers."

In a filing with the province's Utility and Review Board yesterday, NSPI forecasted net fuel savings of \$76.3 million.

But, while in operation, the NewPage mill contributes \$100 million to NSPI coffers. According to NSPI

### Cost of business

► NewPage is scheduled to indefinitely close its mill later this month because of several factors, including high energy costs.

spokesman David Rodenhiser, that \$23.7-million gap is what other customers may have to bear.

The full details of the updated forecast aren't publicly available. Customer advocates will examine the forecast — as well as a potential deal to spread rate hikes over three years — this week.

But Al Dominie, an energy consultant, said the deal isn't all that different from one proposed in April — four per cent increases over three consecutive years.

"From what I've been able to see at the present time, I don't think there's a remarkable difference against what we've seen earlier," he said. ● ALEX BOULTIER



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# Opposition eager for fall session

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Both of Nova Scotia's opposition parties say they're ready to go for the fall sitting – and want it to start sooner rather than later.

Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie issued a press release yesterday asking the government to recall the legislature to

address his concerns on energy and the economy.

"Real businesses are now closing, or threatening to close," Baillie said in an interview. "I believe it's time to re-examine the NDP's economic plan and their electricity plan, and the legislature is the place to do that."

Baillie was speaking to

the imminent closure of the NewPage mill. The Tories have also taken a special interest in a coming Utility and Review Board hearing where Nova Scotia Power will request higher energy rates.

The Liberal camp was quick to point out they, too, called on Premier Darrell Dexter to reopen the legislature – in an op-ed penned by Michel Samson more than a week ago.

The government is required to give opposition parties 30 days notice before reconvening the house. Under house rules, however, the government can approach the Speaker and request the legislature be reconvened immediately.

ly. But don't expect that any time soon.

"If Mr. Baillie would like to discuss power rate increases the appropriate place is at the utility and review board which makes those decisions," wrote NDP backbencher Mat Whynott, delivering the party's official response in an email.

## Hurlburt wants solo trial

► To date, none of the four MLAs charged have appeared in court

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The former cabinet minister who became the poster boy for Nova Scotia's MLA expense scandal has elected to be tried by Supreme Court judge alone.

Richard Hurlburt will appear at Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax on Sept. 22 to set dates for his trial.

Outside the Halifax provincial courtroom yesterday, reporters asked Hurlburt's lawyer, Stan MacDonald, whether his client maintains his innocence. MacDonald was representing Hurlburt at the proceeding.

"Mr. Hurlburt, in February 2010 if you recall, indicated that he made an error in judgement and he accepted responsibility for his actions, and he publicly apologized," MacDonald

### In court

Another accused, former Liberal MLA Dave Wilson, has his case continue at Halifax provincial court on Friday.

said.

"His position hasn't changed."

Crown attorney Andrew MacDonald told reporters they're preparing to go to trial — and that no plea deal has been cut.

"At this point, there is nothing on the table. There is no deal," he said.

"I don't anticipate anything changing between now and Sept. 22."

The former Tory cabinet minister waived his right to a preliminary inquiry yesterday.

Hurlburt is charged with breaching the public trust, uttering forged documents, and fraud over \$5,000.



► Former MLA Richard Hurlburt speaks with reporters in this file photo from last year.

## Dalhousie cancels plagiarism service

Cheaters might have an easier time passing off somebody else's work as their own at Dalhousie University this year.

CBC News reported yesterday that the Halifax school has cancelled its contract with online plagiarism detector, turnitin.com, just one week before the start of classes.

The online company scans electronic versions of student papers for material lifted from other sources.

A spokesman for Dalhousie said the university lost confidence in the partnership with turnitin.com.

A memo to faculty said the contract with the company called for student papers to be stored on Canadian servers, but they were being kept in the United States instead.

Faculty was told to assume that anti-plagiarism software will not be in place for this academic year.

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## N.S. to maintain cap on property assessment increases

The province says it will continue a cap on property assessment increases that was first implemented in 2005 after releasing a review that concluded the cap protects homeowners.

The cap, which is tied to the consumer price index, is intended to protect people from rapidly increasing property assessments and subsequent tax hikes on their homes.

The government recently ordered a review seeking input from municipal councils and staff, homeowners, and Property Valuation Services Corp., which conducts property assessments in Nova Scotia.

Service Nova Scotia Minister John MacDonell says without protection, some families and seniors could find themselves unable to afford to stay in their own homes. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Review asks for better drug abuse oversight

A review into prescription drug abuse in Nova Scotia says there should be better research and monitoring of the problem.

The province's Department of Health released a report today that issues nine recommendations.

They include the development of a system to monitor prescription drug and alcohol use, as well as research of policies, practices and legislation of the issue.

The provincial government launched the review after the police chief of Kentville wrote to the health, justice and community services ministers in January 2010 about a drug-related death in the Annapolis Valley.

Health Minister Maureen MacDonald says some of the report's recommendations are being implemented, while others are under consideration.

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► Halifax hosting the under-21 FIVB Beach Volleyball Swatch Junior World Championships through Sunday on Halifax waterfront ► Beach volleyball is 'a bit of a fringe sport but it's definitely growing in popularity,' says Garrett May of Team Canada



► Kazakhstan's Bakhtygul Samalikova dives for a ball during her team's match against Norway at the under-21 FIVB Beach Volleyball Swatch Junior World Championships yesterday. Kazakhstan won the match in straight sets.

# Working with the elements during a game

## Players get all the attention

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They're tall, tanned, and extremely fit. No wonder beach volleyball players of both genders are getting a lot of attention.

Tourists and Haligonians alike are stopping mid-stride on the waterfront boardwalk to take photos.

Garrett May, 19, of Team Canada just laughed and said he hasn't noticed people taking photos of him.

"I know there's been a following for the girls, but I won't comment about that. There's definitely some fit players playing beach volleyball," he said.

Jolien Sinnema, 19, of Team Netherlands said she doesn't mind all the amateur photographers around.

"It's nice they appreciate what you're doing. It's pretty normal now with people taking pictures and asking for your (autograph)," she said.

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The easiest part of beach volleyball is being a spectator, hopefully in the shade with a cold drink.

Try running through soft sand, diving for the ball and producing enormous amounts of energy with a hot sun beating down overhead.

"It's very hard, difficult in the sand to move. You have to be strong," said Esther Hullelgie, 18, with Team Netherlands.

Many of these athletes train nearly every day, 20

to 30 hours a week — and that's just in the off-season.

"There's endurance, and you have to be explosive. The beach is such a soft surface, you have to be able to get up and move quickly and be agile on that surface," said Danny Demyanenko, 17, with Team Canada.

His teammate Garrett May, 19, added the heat can be an enormous factor.

"I'm not too worried about it here, but I've been to tournaments where it's been 30 to 40 C and it really comes down

to who's more fit in that situation."

But several athletes said the Halifax weather

so far has been very accommodating.

"This is ideal, like a hot summer day in Norway," said Team Norway player Lars Retterholt, 20.

He said beach volleyball players learn to work with the elements and not against them.

The key is to drink water and stay out of the shade, said several players yesterday in the 23 C sunshine on the Halifax waterfront.

"The key is to stay hydrated. That's the number 1 thing that will give you that edge," Demyanenko said.

### On the court

► **Men's.** The top-seeded Canadian men's duo of Garrett May and Danny Demyanenko is on the court today at 10:10 a.m. against Japan and 3:30 p.m. against China.

► **Women's.** On the women's side, Canada is seeded first with Victoria Altomare and Melissa Humana-Paredes facing Germany at 8 a.m. and Poland at 12:30 p.m.





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# Festival was on fringe of collapse

- ▶ Theatre community bands together to keep it going
- ▶ This year it features 35 shows and 175 performances



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It almost didn't happen this year, but organizers say the Atlantic Fringe Festival is fresh and on a new track.

Ken Pinto, founder of the long-running festival, said in April he would put it on a two-year hiatus. But the theatre community instantly stepped up with enough support — and a new board of directors — to make sure the show would go on.

"It's a classic case of you don't know what you have until it's gone, because people took the Fringe Festival for granted. It's the city's largest theatre

## On at Fringe

- ▶ **Atlantic Fringe Festival** runs today through Sept. 11 at venues all over the city.
- ▶ **For listings, check out** [atlanticfringe.ca](http://atlanticfringe.ca).

event," said organizer Thom Fitzgerald.

The new blood at the helm is reshaping the festival: Last year the majority of shows were local (75 per cent), but this year it's half and half.

"It's a great opportunity for Haligonians to see theatre from abroad," Fitzgerald said.

The near-death of the Fringe Festival produced a

lot of real-life drama, said author and director Michael McPhee.

"This was an immense thing we went through when it fell apart. The Fringe is a breeding ground for affordable theatre, for future companies," he said.

"It's also good for a company like us — an established, professional company — that we can take a risk on a show."

Performer Tanya Davis said the festival seems very well-organized so far.

"It's super important because you get to try alternative work out. There are no rules with Fringe," she said.

"It gives people free rein and it really makes our city better."



▶ Laura Selenzi poses during the media launch for the Atlantic Fringe Festival yesterday. Selenzi is one of the performers in *Mesmerize*, which is billed as an evening of bellydancing and circus entertainment.

## A game of speed-dating with the artists

The media launch yesterday for the Atlantic Fringe Festival was done in a very Fringe-y way.

Journalists were set up with artists in a speed-dating format at the Plutonium theatre in Halifax and given five minutes or less for each interview.

Here are some excerpts from the Metro experience:

"The whole play is 15 minutes and it's entirely conveyed on Post-it notes."

*Paul Dooley on Post-its: Notes on a Marriage*

"We did a spell together to try to summon fairies to our friend's living room. Mixed results."

*Meghan Hubley on the inspiration for *Waltz of the Fae: Sure as Death**

"Relative to their size, (barnacles) have the biggest penis. They're hermaphrodites as well."

*Ryan Doucette on *The**



▶ Paul Van Dyck gives a performance of his one-man play *Paradise Lost* at the Plutonium Playhouse yesterday.

*Barnacle's Tale*

"Oddly enough, it has nothing to do with what you think it might be."

*Ben Irvine on *A Question of Sex**

"When you leave the theatre, you're going to be questioning everything you know about yourself."

*Laura Thornton on *Edges**

"I don't know if you can fall in love in three min-

utes, but you can definitely lay the groundwork."

*Samantha Wilson on *In the Valley**

"I've always found it magical how they come to life."

*Paul Van Dyck on the puppets he uses in *Paradise Lost**

"It's a glorified slideshow with a theatrical twist."

*Kersti Tacreiter on *A Forest Jubilee**

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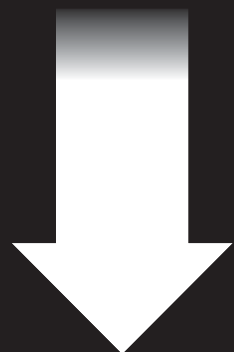
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## These jerseys won't get ice time

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# Even in death, Jack boosts NDP

► New poll ties party with Tories ► Liberals trail far behind ► Pollster asks: Can NDP consolidate gains?

CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jack Layton's untimely death has triggered another orange wave across the country, a new poll suggests.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey pegs support for Layton's NDP at 33 per cent — tied with the ruling Conservatives and well ahead of the Liberals at 21 per cent.

That's almost a three-point gain for the New Democrats since the May 2 election, which vaulted the party into official Opposition status.

The Tories are down almost seven points and the Liberals are up two.

Harris-Decima chairman Allan Gregg said the NDP gain is most likely attributable to "the Jack ef-



► NDP interim leader Nycole Turmel greets mourners at Saturday's state funeral.

fect."

"The national outpouring of emotion we witnessed over Jack Layton's untimely death appears to have translated directly in-

to increased support for the party," Gregg said.

Layton died Aug. 22 after a battle with an undisclosed form of cancer.

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# Deported twice, he's back — and busted

AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

A fugitive who was deported from Canada twice, returned and appeared on the government's most-wanted list has been arrested in Toronto.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said yesterday Wasford Uriah Steer was arrested Monday.

Steer, 39, was last deported to Jamaica in 2000.

Toews said it's not known when, where or how he returned to Canada, adding he could have

used a fake passport.

"He could have come in under someone else's passport and could have been here the day after he left," Toews said in Regina.

"This guy's quite creative," he added.

Toews said Toronto police picked up Steer on other charges and then found he was wanted by the Canada Border Services Agency.

The agency said Steer, who has five known alias-



► Public Safety Minister Vic Toews, pictured, says tips received on the government's most-wanted website have been invaluable. "I'm extremely pleased," he says.

es, is in Canada illegally after he was convicted of various crimes, including possession of counterfeit money, assault causing bodily harm and assault with a weapon.

Toews acknowledged it's tough to keep people like Steer out of the country if they use fake travel documents.

Facial recognition software might be one possibility, he suggested.

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## List of infamy

- Ottawa has expanded its online wanted list to include immigrants and refugees convicted of serious crimes here and who face deportation.
- The new wanted section started with 30 men and two women who came to Canada through the immigration and refugee system and have permanent resident status.

## Trans woman sues city over arrest

A transgender woman who claims police officers yanked her from her car at gunpoint and mocked her because of her sexual orientation is suing the City of Winnipeg.

Nikki Cox alleges the defendants breached her rights against unlawful and unjustified detention.

Cox, in her 30s, alleges

officers with guns drawn forced her out of her car, pushed her to the ground, knelt her in the back and roughly handcuffed her.

Cox says she was released shortly after and offered an apology.

Her statement of claim contains unproven allegations.

● JAMES TURNER

## Tobin's son sent to jail

Jack Tobin, described as a "good son" who made a serious mistake, was sentenced to jail yesterday for a drunken escapade that killed his best friend.

The 24-year-old son of former Newfoundland premier Brian Tobin was sentenced to three years and handed a seven-year ban on driving once his



► Jack Tobin

sentence expires for his role in the death of buddy Alex Zolpis. Tobin pleaded guilty in May to impaired driving causing death.

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## School aide jailed in teen sex scandal

A high school office worker violated a position of trust when she became intimately involved with two 16-year-old boys and must spend two years in jail, an Alberta judge has ruled.

Court heard Tanya Marie Cossette, 41, had sex on two occasions with one of the teens and exchanged sexually explicit

phone texts with both.

She also provided them with gifts and smoked marijuana with them.

"We have someone old enough to know better who took advantage of two young people," Judge Eugene Creighton said.

Cossette also got two years probation.

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## Whistle-blower law kicks in

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# Sarkozy denies dirty cash claim

► Book says French president accepted illegal cash for 2007 campaign ► Sarkozy claims critics are lying

French President Nicolas Sarkozy's office vigorously denied claims in a new book that he personally took undeclared campaign cash from the heiress to the L'Oreal cosmetics fortune five years ago — claims that come just as the race for next year's presidential elections is heating up.

Sarkozy's allies suggested the accusations are a campaign ploy against the unpopular president. Similar accusations first surfaced last year.

Still, questions about how Sarkozy financed his 2007 campaign could stain his likely bid for re-election in April and May.



► L'Oreal cosmetics heiress Liliane Bettencourt

Critics have long deemed the conservative leader too cosy with the rich, criticism that carries particular sting now that the French economy is stalling and many of his supporters are disillusioned with his leadership.

ership.

The leader of France's main opposition party, Socialist Martine Aubry, called for a new investigation into whether Sarkozy received illegal campaign cash from Liliane Bettencourt, Europe's richest woman.

An accountant for Bettencourt said a year ago that she gave C\$50,000 (\$72,000 US) in cash in 2007 to Sarkozy's party treasurer for the presidential campaign — well beyond the C4,600 legal limit on individual donations. The accusations came during a series of investigations into the heiress's finances. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



► John Hutt demonstrates how he cut off his toes at his home in Montrose, Colo.

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## MAN CUTS OFF TOES TO ESCAPE FROM FOREST

A 61-year-old retired logger feared he might die alone in a remote forest after his right foot was pinned under his six-tonne trailer. With few choices, he used a 7.6-centimetre pocket knife to cut off all five toes to get free.

"It hurt so bad," Jon Hutt said. "I would cut for a while and then I had to rest."

Hutt then climbed in-

to his semi tractor-trailer, his foot wrapped in a shirt, and began driving for help. Hutt's ordeal was first reported in the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel.

Hutt said authorities retrieved his severed toes and took them to the hospital, but doctors said the toes couldn't be re-attached because they were too badly mangled.

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# Council drops ban on Money for Nothing

- Dire Straits song now 'may be acceptable'
- Radio stations free to play 1985 hit again

MARIO VEDDER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A Canadian broadcast watchdog says its decision to deem a 1985 Dire Straits smash unfit for radio just ain't workin'.

The Canadian Broadcast Standards Council has tempered a ruling on Money For Nothing, which includes the word "faggot," saying that while the homophobic slur in the song is inappropriate, it must be taken in context and that individual radio stations can decide what listeners want to hear.

"(The council) is only saying that there may be circumstances in which even words designating unacceptably negative portrayal may be acceptable because of their contextual usage"



► Mark Knopfler

states the decision, released yesterday.

So, what changed since the council made its original decision?

The song's writer, Mark Knopfler, has long maintained that he was writing

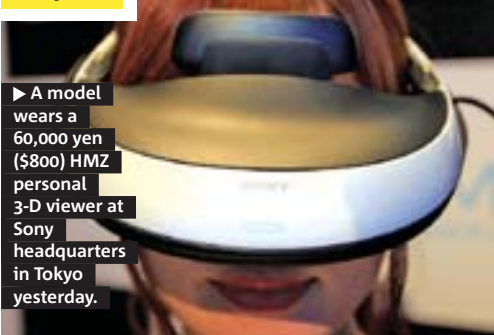
from the perspective of a "bonehead" whom he observed in a hardware store watching MTV, reacting with disgust to the fledgling network's flamboyant rock stars.

The council simply hadn't taken such context into account when making its original decision, said the organization's national chair Ron Cohen. But with that information in hand, the majority of the council's panel felt the word was intended satirically and not in a hateful manner.

"(The context) wasn't as evident without the explanations that have been provided," Cohen said in a telephone interview.

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## Sony 3-D







► A model wears a 60,000 yen (\$800) HMZ personal 3-D viewer at Sony headquarters in Tokyo yesterday.

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## Heads-up on display

Sony Corp. says it will start selling a head-mounted display that provides a 3-D theatre of music videos, movies and games, targeting people who prefer solitary entertainment.

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## Blockbuster closing doors on remaining stores

Blockbuster Canada's remaining stores are set to close soon and 2,300 more jobs at the national movie rental chain are about to disappear, victims of the digital movie revolution.

The receiver in charge of selling Blockbuster Canada wants a court order to shut down the movie rental company's remaining retail locations, saying yesterday it had been unable to find a buyer willing to invest in the business.

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The number of Blockbuster locations that are still operating in Canada. Another 150 stores were closed in June.

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# UNIVERSITY 101: A COURSE OF MISDIRECTION

## HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE  
METRO



Another university year is beginning, so post-secondary students are about to learn important "life lessons" that will stay with them long after they've forgotten what Pi is (it's a number).

So that I might save you from the high cost of tuition, books, and 55 metric tonnes of Mr. Noodles, here they are:

**Condoms are king:** Welcome to university, the only organization that gets away with putting a prophylactic in its orientation kit. This would be less well received at, say, Microsoft. Nary a frosh week organizer will pass up the opportunity to offer you a free condom. "Hi, I'm the leader of the Fundamentalist Christian Fellowship," they'll say. "Would you like a Trojan?"

**High school has not prepared you:** Real university preparation courses would only upset parents, because they would have names like, "101 things to do with your surplus condoms" and "Beggars CAN be choosers: Getting the most from your local soup kitchen."

**No one cares about you:** In Grade 12, your teacher listened patiently as you explained your poor mark was because the exchange student, Olaf Gooberson, rejected your advances. In university, your professor will sympathize with you only in select circumstances, such as if you are actively dead. Even then, she'll expect a doctor's note.

**Textbooks are not your friend:** The average university textbook weighs more than the average student, and that weight is both physical and emotional. For many of you, this purchase will be the first time you've ever gone into a store with a big wad of money, paid for something that was still in its plastic wrap, and not felt good about it. Fortunately they're a good value because humans are genetically incapable of throwing away textbooks, which will live on as doorstops and window jams until you die.

**Students are (very) amateur philosophers:** Like a 10-year-old who learns a new swear word, many university students learn a few simple philosophical concepts and can't stop spouting them. For instance, you will hear "How do I know anything is real?" multiple times. If you hear anybody say that, slap them. If they complain, explain that the pain is not real, but rather a byproduct of humanity's inability to perceive time. Then hit them again. For me.

**University is just another step:** When I was graduating, choosing community college over university was seen by teachers as a career move only slightly better than holding up a convenience store. Between the hype and the price, university no doubt seems like the be-all and end-all. But it's not.

The important thing to remember is, no matter how you do, and no matter what happens over the next four years, you will never, ever run out of condoms, obsolete textbooks or tired philosophical catchphrases.

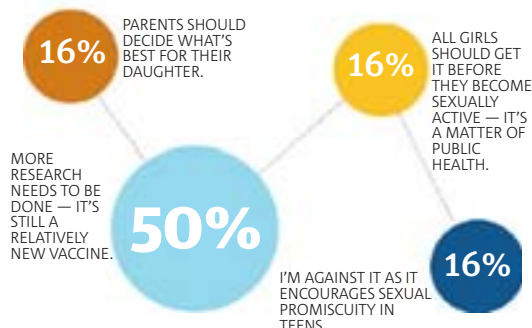
Some people also collect memories and knowledge, if you're into that sort of thing.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at [metronews.ca/hesays](http://metronews.ca/hesays)



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## Local tweets



► **MCML1901:** If you think Halifax is busier than Wolfville

you've clearly never driven down Main St. During apple season.

► **@JWRCalder:** There was some bus related police drama on Spring Garden and Brenton this morning. #angrypassenger #halifax

► **@jackiebuntain:** another sunny day in beautiful halifax...is it really the last official day of summer...?? not if global warming has anything to do with it.

► **@MeganLeslieMP:** Just had a meeting with my art com-

mittee: lined up some amazing shows for our office gallery, including one for #Nocturne #Halifax. Woot!

► **@WindsweptCoast:** Hard body alert on Halifax Waterfront. Lots of scantily-clad, tanned and athletic volleyball tourney bod eye candy. #swatchFIVB

► **@lflemming:** Am I the ONLY person in Halifax who hasn't laid eyes on Pierce Brosnan yet? Where is everyone seeing him?

► **@king\_of\_sams:** Attn women of Halifax: sneakers with a pencil skirt = NOT a good look. you're going to work not running a marathon. trade em in for flats.

## Worth Mentioning

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

Poet Maya Angelou says the way a quote from Martin Luther King Jr. was paraphrased on his new memorial in Washington makes the civil-rights leader sound like an "arrogant twit."

Angelou, who consulted on the memorial, told the Washington Post that the shortened version sounds egotistical and should be changed.

The phrase is from a speech shortly before King's assassination in 1968 in which he talked about how people should remember him.

In the original, King starts by saying, "If you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice," King told the congregation. "Say that I was a drum major for peace. I was a drum major for righteousness. And all of the other shallow things will not matter."

All that is condensed on King's memorial as "I was a drum major for justice, peace and righteousness."

"The 'if' clause that is left out is salient. Leaving it out changes the meaning completely," Angelou told the Washington Post.

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## Cartoon by Michael de Adder



## WEIRD NEWS

### I spy with my little eye: Someone robbing my house

An Arkansas man who wanted to capture aerial photos of his home during his first plane ride instead helped catch two men burglarizing it.

Steven Lynn said he could see the two taking items from his house.

"I looked down, and sure enough, there was a truck hooked onto a trailer and guys were loading stuff up," Lynn told the Jonesboro Sun. "It

didn't seem to faze them that we were buzzing over in an airplane. We got down pretty low."

Lynn called an uncle who lives nearby and then 911.

Craighead County Sheriff's deputy Phillip Wheaton said the two men unloaded the trailer and left the scene when the uncle arrived. But the pilot and Lynn's uncle followed them until they were stopped near Bay, a small town near Jonesboro, by Wheaton and two other officers.

"They were giving us turn-by-turn directions and giving us a description by county road," Wheaton told television station KAIT.

The two men in the truck now face burglary and theft charges.

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### News in brief



New Kids on the Block member Jordan Knight will be one of the judges on the new CBC-TV reality show *Cover Me Canada*. The competition features musical acts performing classic Canadian songs. Joining Knight on the judging panel will be singer Deborah Cox and music exec Ron Fair. The show, to be hosted by former All Saints member Nicole Appleton, begins Sept. 18 at 9 p.m. A group of eight finalists will compete for a \$100,000 cash prize and a recording contract to have their first original single released by Universal Music Canada. Knight and the New Kids have been touring over the summer with the Backstreet Boys.

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Fright Night stars bummed over poor U.S. showing, hope for European success

# Fall in love with folk

- Urban Folk Festival takes over downtown with shows during long weekend
- Performances at The Carleton, Foggy Goggle, The Seahorse and Dirty Nellie's

## BACKSTAGE PASS

JENNA CONTER  
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First you must learn how to walk before you can run. This idiom doesn't only apply to sports, but also to the development of a successful music career.

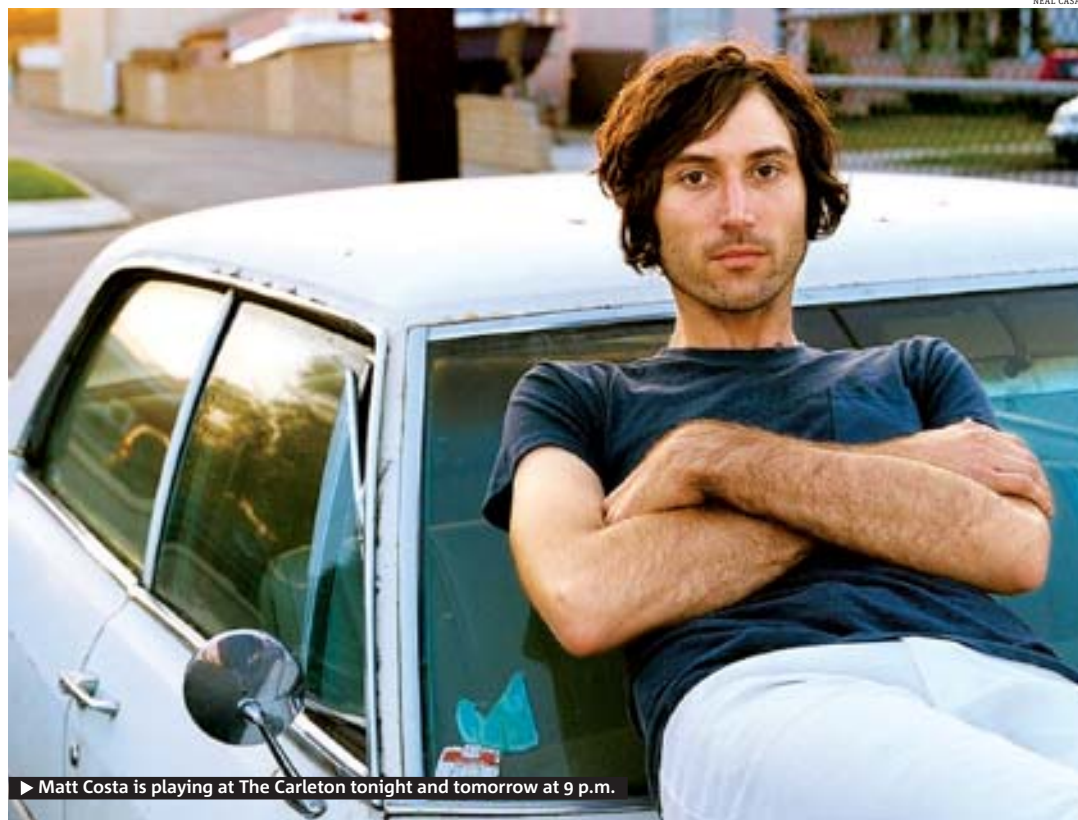
"I got a guitar when I was 12 and I started learning the beginning to whatever was on the radio," Matt Costa told me. "Soon, I could play the first five seconds of about 50 songs."

Costa, a California-native, couldn't have forecasted from his elementary interest in music that he would find himself in the producer's chair for his fourth full-length album, *Mobile Chateau*.

"It was a lot of take on," he said in a phone interview. "I got in there and it basically turned into a laboratory."

The Mr. Pitiful singer will be celebrating the success of his album with sold-out shows tonight and tomorrow at The Carleton as part of the NSLC Halifax Urban Folk Festival.

Kicking off last Sunday, Costa joins the nine-day festival to promote music's



► Matt Costa is playing at The Carleton tonight and tomorrow at 9 p.m.

true, simple roots.

"I fell in love with folk because I could hear the process, I could hear what was going on, I could copy it," he said.

"My sound followed where folk musicians in the 1960s went — into the blues and moving forward

### All in the details

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all across the board — even influencing pop music."

Costa's sound can be heard in the scores of major motion pictures such as *I Love You Man* and *Youth in Revolt*.

Though not always confident in his songwriting abilities, Costa said he "just stuck with it."

"I now have the oppor-

tunity to write certain songs for films I never expected to be able to write."

Riding the high off movie producers banging on his door, 29-year-old Costa modestly insists his life hasn't really changed.

"Well, my guitars are nicer," he proclaimed.

## Despite suicide, Bravo going ahead with *Housewives* premiere

EVAN AGOSTINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Bravo network said yesterday it is going ahead with the Labour Day season premiere of *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* despite the suicide of a cast member's husband.

Brief interviews with cast members about the suicide of Russell Armstrong will precede the premiere, although Armstrong's widow, Taylor — one of the *Real Housewives* — did not participate. The network will also air several suicide prevention public service

announcements during the show, said Frances Berwick, Bravo Media president.

Armstrong hanged himself on Aug. 15. He left no note.

The couple's marital strife was a story line in the reality show's first season.

In the second season premiere, filmed months ago, Taylor Armstrong tells the other housewives that she and her husband are going to therapy.

Berwick said the sea-



► Taylor Armstrong, left, is pictured with former husband Russell Armstrong in this file photo.

son's new episodes are in the process of being edited.

She didn't specify exactly what was being done, but it will likely be to give less attention to the marital problems.

"Our thoughts continue to be with the Armstrong family during this difficult time," Berwick said in a statement.

The *Real Housewives* franchise is one of the key factors in Bravo's success as a cable network.

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# Damon goes viral

► Matt Damon, director Steven Soderbergh team up for *Contagion* ► Both now take extra care washing their hands



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While working for Steven Soderbergh is an easy choice for Matt Damon — the two have teamed up on the three *Oceans* movies, *Che* and the *Informant!* — the eclectic director's pitch for their latest collaboration, *Contagion*, gave Damon pause. "He sent it over to me with a note saying, 'Read this and then wash your hands,'" Damon remembers.

The warning was well-founded, though, as *Contagion* covers some nerve-rattling subject matter: A new virus quickly spreads throughout the world, quickly becoming an epidemic, while scientists and doctors race to find a cure while govern-

ments work to keep society from falling apart. What surprised Soderbergh the most about the film was how easy it was to get made. "Everyone felt there was a place for an ultra-realistic film about this subject. Nobody hesitated," he says. "It all happened very quickly — uncharacteristically quickly, actually, considering what the business is right now for adult dramas."

Damon is only one part of the massive, big-name cast Soderbergh assembled for *Contagion*. Playing Damon's wife — and Patient Zero — is Gwyneth Paltrow, while the Talented Mr. Ripley co-star, Jude Law, pops up as an opportunistic blogger. On the disease-fighting side, Marion Cotillard plays a World Health Organization inves-

**"Everyone felt there was a place for an ultra-realistic film about this subject."**

DIRECTOR STEVEN SODERBERGH

tigator, while Kate Winslet and Laurence Fishburne's CDC officials work state-side. For Fishburne, the appeal of the project was simple. "I was kind of blown away by how smart it was, because a lot of what is being made now is kind of stupid," he says.

But that doesn't mean working on the movie has had any impact on Damon's disaster preparedness. But then he's always been bad about stuff like that.

"After the Northridge quake, I put the flashlight by my bed for like two



► Matt Damon says his wife's nickname for him is Red Alert because he worries about potential catastrophes.

weeks, and then forgot about it," he admits, though now that he's a parent his behaviour has certainly changed. "I'm probably more protective than I've ever been now that I have children," he says.

"My wife's name for me is Red Alert. I sometimes just check to see if the kids are breathing."

Despite playing a CDC specialist in the film, Fishburne says none of the germ-phobia rubbed off on him. "I ain't afraid of germs, and I ain't afraid of getting sick," he says. "Dy-

ing, that's some other s—," As for Soderbergh, working on *Contagion* certainly has made him much more aware of the microscopic dangers around him.

"I don't know if my behaviour has changed. I'm just really aware of it now," he says.

"Somebody set up this microphone, I was handed some lip balm by one of the makeup people, which I took a Kleenex and cleaned off, but who knows if that worked. So don't get near my mouth. Having gone through it,

I'm always going to be conscious of it now."

But it's not all fear and paranoia, Soderbergh admits. Taking the movie out into the world has produced some surprisingly entertaining moments — even if they are at his audience's expense. "It was fun during the preview to watch the lights come up and 400 people realize that they're next to a bunch of strangers and that they've touched everything," he says, a mischievous glint in his eye.

"You could tell they weren't happy."



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## Kyle's Nova Scotia

Hi, I'm Kyle from Clare. This has been a great summer for festivals all over Nova Scotia and there are even more coming up in September. One I don't want to miss is the Canadian Deep Roots Music Festival in Wolfville with tons of performances and workshops, even sing-alongs! For a full list of upcoming festivals and events, check out [novascotia.com](http://novascotia.com)

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Shelburne, September 17 to 18

The Canadian Deep Roots Music Festival,  
Wolfville, September 23 to 25

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Peggy's Cove, September 24



## Baby talk must be right: Weisz

Newlyweds Rachel Weisz and Daniel Craig haven't ruled out adding a baby to their household, but the motivation has to be right, Weisz tells Lucky magazine.

"Oh, I wouldn't make [a baby] just for the sake of giving my son a sibling," she says. "But you never know."

Weisz has a five-year-



► Daniel Craig



► Rachel Weisz

old son, Henry, from her relationship with Darren Aronofsky.

Meanwhile Craig has a 19-year-old daughter named Ella from a previous marriage.

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# A love rekindling for Biel and Timberlake?

► Former flames spotted dining and enjoying a leisurely bike ride in Toronto

► Rumours are stirring that Timberlake and Biel may not be over for good.



Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake put an end to their relationship back in March, but now there's

speculation that their breakup might not stick, according to Hollyscoop. Biel and Timberlake

were spotted recently sharing brunch and a leisurely bike ride in Toronto, where Biel is cur-

rently filming.

"They were in good spirits," an eyewitness says. "They seemed happy. They had brunch together. They were talking. They enjoyed their food. They had a nice time."

But even if the pair are rekindling their flame, don't expect Timberlake to get too talkative about it.

"In my 30 years, she is the most special person," he told Vanity Fair in June.

"I don't want to say much more, because I have to protect things that are dear to me — for instance, her."

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## Biebs' first crash

Justin Bieber reached another milestone — his first fender-bender.

The 17-year-old singer's black Ferrari is said to have collided with a Honda Civic in an underground parking lot, according to the L.A. Times. No one was injured. ● METRO

### Celebrity tweets



"If writing on rocks and throwing them at people counts.... I'm totally down with fighting with words."



@samantharonson



@iamwill

"How do we get America back up to speed again???"

@jimmyfallon



"Beyonce & Jay-Z are expecting a baby. Man, that kid is gonna have everything! Except a last name."

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► Canadian fashion blog The Coveteur is taking a peek into the dressers, drawers, closets and safes of ladies and gents in the frontline of the fashion industry

# Site brings style savvy out of the closet

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A moniker marrying the words "covet" and "voyeur" seems fitting for a site offering glimpses into people's closets, but there's much more to homegrown fashion blog The Coveteur than a series of random snapshots.

The Canadian trio behind the buzzworthy blog is keen on capturing intimate portraits of personal style within a cosy, familiar environment typically beyond the glare of the spotlight.

Since launching this year, The Coveteur has won fans with its photographic profiles of the stylish private spaces of notable names, as well as those working behind the scenes in the fashion world.

"I think people are all voyeurs. Everyone wants



► Stephanie Mark, left, says she and her Coveteur collaborators love profiling celebrities, but feel it's also important for them to focus on others within the industry such as make-up artists and hairstylists, who usually don't receive the same level of recognition.

behind-the-scenes access," said designer Erin Kleinberg, one of the founders.

"People are visual and they want to see imagery, and they want to see exclusive content, for sure."

Street style was a huge influence for Kleinberg and stylist Stephanie Mark, but both wanted to take the concept one step further.

Rather than strictly chronicling what people were wearing, they came up with the idea of adopting a more personal approach: going into individuals' homes to peruse and capture snapshots of the clothes, accessories and prized keepsakes adorning their closets.

"Once we started shooting, the element of environment really came into play then," Mark said. "We realized the environment was just as much about a person

as their clothing... they kind of really complement each other."

Rounding out the Toronto trio is photographer Jake Rosenberg. The team had previously collaborated on one of Kleinberg's lookbooks shot by Rosenberg and styled by Mark.

For someone accustomed to shooting fashion on figures, Rosenberg said the notion of capturing images of closets was an entirely new concept.

In certain cases, the process turned out to be a revelation of sorts for the subjects themselves, he noted.

"A lot of people say after

## The site stats

Wondering how thecoveteur.com came to be?

- The Coveteur netted 20,000 hits the day it launched in January, and what initially started off as a fun passion project has evolved into a full-time commitment that sometimes involves travel to locations such as New York and Los Angeles.
- The site also features e-commerce, allowing users scrolling through the various images to shop the look they see featured in the closets.

we've gone through their closet, 'Oh my God, I totally forgot that I had all this stuff in there,'" Rosenberg said.

The Coveteur has embarked on a special collaboration with luxury retailer Holt Renfrew, including a lookbook showcasing fall designer footwear, a photo exhibit featuring the closets of resident tastemakers, and dedicated window installations at locations across the country.

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## Men's style

Men caring more about complexion



According to Stylesight.com, 84 per cent more men feel comfortable purchasing grooming products than did previous generations. It's reported that men now spend an average of 22 minutes on their beauty regimen, closing in on the average woman's 29-minute regimen. NEWS CANADA



Easy tips to shape up this season



► Reality star Khloe Kardashian, centre, is seen with Erin Kleinberg, left, and Stephanie Mark, right, as her closet is perused by the The Coveteur founders.

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# The very best in show

► I scoured the 2011 New York International Gift Fair to find the must-have trend products for this season

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Twice a year the Javits Center in New York is packed with the latest and greatest in lamps, rugs, salad bowls and more as the New York International Gift Fair displays housewares to thou-

sands of buyers of retail stores.

The show — one of the largest of its kind with 2,800 exhibitors from the United States, Canada and around the world — features the best in home decor and entertaining accessories.

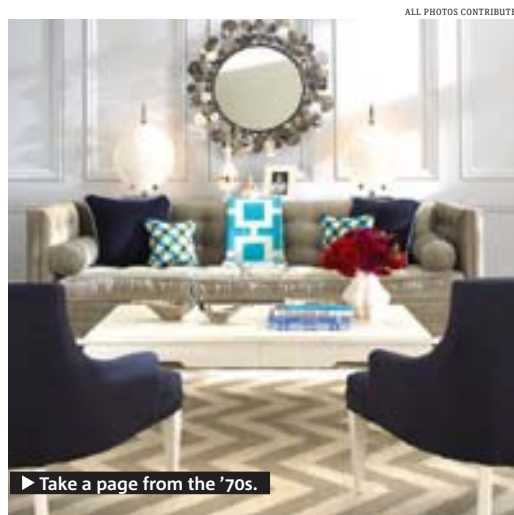
I took a peek around this trade-only event and checked out the latest looks being offered up this season.

Here are some of the trends you'll be seeing in retail stores and online this fall.

### Letter and number motifs

Letters and numbers showed up everywhere — whether on traditional or modern decor — and were what buyers were flocking to. I spotted examples on French linen pillows, tote-bags and hand-blocked artwork to name a few.

Primitives by Kathy pillow, \$30, Primitives-bykathy.com



ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

**Hicks 1970s inspiration**  
Geometric and herringbone patterns inspired by '70s design king David Hicks seem to be enjoying a revival.

This time around both bright colours mixed

with neutrals helped update the famous prints on wallpaper, rugs, pillows and furnishings.

Jonathan Adler, sand herringbone rug, \$1,550 and jonathanadler.com



### Making big weaves

Another old time craft makes a comeback as several designers constructed items using weave techniques in materials such as wicker, knit and even rubber.

### Tote bags everywhere!

Tote bag mania continues and I saw examples of the ubiquitous item made from pretty much anything including vintage carpet remnants, eco-friendly materials and old school canvas.

New this year: big, sturdy zippers, clasps and lots of leather handles and straps for durability.

The Run Run Run Italian Shopper Tote bag is super-stylish and made of recycled water bottles. It can be purchased for \$45 at kickstarter.com.



### Favourite find:

Little Black Dress closet organizer

► This tongue-in-cheek gadget, which can be hung over a door or closet rod, keeps your jewelry and hairpins in order. \$25, umbra.com



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More than 200 recipes such as Mexican-Style Gazpacho, Ricotta Ravioli, Clam Chowder, Roast Rack of Lamb, Cream Puffs, Stuffed Zucchini and more make up *Kitchen Simple*.

# From everyday to elegant

► These recipes for Warm Salad of Grilled Chicken Thighs and Figs, Zucchini Scapece Salad and Heirloom and Cherry Tomato Salad take side dishes from ordinary to extraordinary

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Skinless chicken breasts have become the new cottage cheese — the ubiquitous base upon which weight-loss diets are built.

But it still doesn't register well on the old excitement meter. That's where chicken thighs come in.

Sure, they aren't as low in fat as breasts, but being skinless and by trimming all visible fat they become fairly low in fat. The other bonus — chicken thighs deliver a deeper, richer flavour than breast meat. Leaving the meat on the bone also adds flavour.

Plus, when bone-in, they're perfect for the grill and are hard to overcook since the dark meat remains moist.

## Salad of Grilled Chicken Thighs, Figs & Parmigiano-Reggiano

### Preparation:

- 1 In a large bowl, combine half each of the vinegar and rosemary. Season



► This recipe serves four.

with salt and pepper. Add chicken and toss to coat. Cover and marinate at room temperature for 15 minutes or in refrigerator for up to 4 hours, turning chicken occasionally.

- 2 Place onions in a large bowl and add remaining

red wine vinegar and a pinch of salt. Mix and set aside for 15 minutes to 1 hour, tossing occasionally.

- 3 Heat a grill or grill pan to medium-low. Place chicken thighs on grill and cook for 15 to 20 minutes or until nicely

browned and cooked through, turning chicken halfway through grilling. Transfer chicken to a plate and sprinkle with basil. Set aside.

- 4 Add arugula, figs and remaining rosemary to onions and vinegar. Gently toss salad, then

season with salt and pepper. Divide salad among 4 serving plates. Place chicken thigh halves around salad, then sprinkle salads with shaved Parmigiano-Reggiano.

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### Ingredients:

- 60 ml (4 tbsp) red wine vinegar, divided
- 10 ml (2 tsp) chopped fresh rosemary, divided
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 8 bone-in, skinless chicken thighs, each cut into 2 pieces each (1 to 1.15 kg/ to 2 to 2 1/2 lb total)
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) thinly sliced red onion
- 5 ml (1 tsp) chopped fresh basil
- 2 ripe fresh figs, cut lengthwise into quarters
- 2 l (8 cups) loosely packed fresh arugula
- 30 g (1 oz) Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, shaved



► This recipe serves six.

## Zucchini Scapece Salad

### Preparation:

- 1 Dressing: In small bowl, whisk oil, honey, lemon zest and juice, garlic and fennel seeds. Season to taste with salt, pepper.

- 2 Marinade: In bowl, combine vinegar, garlic and 1 ml (1/4 tsp) each of salt and pepper. Add mint and set aside.

- 3 In skillet over medium-high, heat about 5 mm (1/4 inch) of olive oil until hot. Working in batches, fry zucchini slices in single layer. Fry, turning slices often with a fork, for 7 minutes. As zucchini slices finish frying, transfer to marinade. Let marinate for at least 10 minutes.

- 4 To assemble, place arugula in large bowl.

Remove zucchini slices from marinade and add to arugula. Drizzle with dressing, toss gently. Top with ricotta salata.

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### Ingredients:

#### Dressing

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- 5 ml (1 tsp) honey
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 1 clove garlic, diced
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) toasted fennel seeds
- Salt and black pepper

#### Marinade

- 175 ml (3/4 cup) red wine vinegar
- 3 large cloves garlic, finely chopped
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 30 fresh mint leaves, finely sliced

#### Zucchini

- Olive oil, for frying
- 3 to 4 medium zucchini, sliced diagonally into 5-mm (1/4-inch) rounds
- 1.5 l (6 cups) arugula
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) shaved ricotta salata

## Tomato Salad Preparation:

- 1 In a shallow bowl, arrange tomatoes.
- 2 Vinaigrette: In bowl, macerate shallot in vinegar with garlic and a little salt for 15 minutes. Whisk in oil. Adjust acidity and salt.

- 3 Season tomatoes with salt and pepper, then sprinkle on chopped

basil leaves. Dress with vinaigrette. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ALICE WATERS**

### Ingredients:

- 250 ml (1 cup) assorted cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 kg (2 lb) heirloom tomatoes, cored and cut
- 1 shallot, finely diced
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# Desjardin is 'back in the game'

► Veteran confident in his health after hard-luck stretch ► NHL camp invite from Lightning gives winger another chance to prove his worth



**MATTHEW WUEST**  
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It's hard to blame Gabriel Desjardins for wanting to knock on wood as he talks about his hopes for this season.

The soon-to-be 19-year-old winger is eager to put a string of hard-luck injuries behind him heading into his fourth QMJHL season with the Halifax Mooseheads.

"I'm ready for a big year, and hopefully everything's going to go right," Desjardins says. "I don't even want to say hopefully. Everything's going to go right. I'm gonna (knock on) wood, but everything's going to go right."

Desjardins, who was an assistant captain for Canada at the IIHF world under-18 championship in 2010, entered last season with a solid chance of being selected in the NHL draft.

But after a slow start offensively, injuries started to mount, as he missed 22 games over two months with a concussion and a ligament sprain in his knee.

He finished with the lowest scoring totals of his career — just six goals and three assists in 46 games — and didn't get drafted.

## Pre-season

### winding down

The Mooseheads wrap up the pre-season on the weekend with a home-and-home with the Moncton Wildcats..

► They visit Moncton on Friday at 7 p.m. before returning home to the Halifax Forum on Saturday at 7 p.m.

"That was really tough," Desjardins said. "With the draft, I was ranked (to be picked), and everything went down with my two injuries. It was a really tough season for me but I think I learned a lot."

Desjardins actually started this season on the wrong foot, too, with an "upper-body injury" that kept him out of training camp and the first two pre-season games.

But he's healthy now, and his NHL dream isn't over. The Tampa Bay Lightning have invited him to try out for a contract at a rookie tournament in Coral Springs, Fla., starting Sept. 11.

The five-foot-11, 201-pound Montreal native is eager to showcase his speed, energy and leader-



► Halifax Mooseheads winger Gabriel Desjardins.

ship.

"It's a little bit too bad that everything came apart (last season) but right now, everything is coming together and I'm really happy about it,"

Desjardins said.

"That's the game, I'm back in the game right now, and I've got a chance with the Lightning, and I'm going to give everything when I get there."



For more on five Halifax Mooseheads on their way to NHL rookie camps, visit [metronews.ca/qfiles](http://metronews.ca/qfiles).

## Pospisil keeps Canada's hopes alive at U.S. Open

Vasek Pospisil is starting to feel like he belongs among the world's top tennis players.

The native of Vernon, B.C., won his first career Grand Slam yesterday by crushing Lukas Rosol 6-1, 6-2, 6-1 to reach the second round of the U.S. Open.

Pospisil needed just 82 minutes to dispatch the Czech, converting on seven of 13 break point chances.

"This is my second slam,

**13 Vasek Pospisil piled on 13 aces and 13 winners. The Canadian also fended off six break points.**

so I'm still new to the scene," he said. "It takes a little bit of getting comfortable with these guys."

"In the past maybe it wasn't like that for me. But that is changing fast. I feel like I belong out there."

He moves on to face No.

25 seed Feliciano Lopez in the second round.

"He will be tough, they're all tough at this level," said Pospisil, who is ranked 143rd in the world. "But I've been playing well for the last couple of months so I'm looking forward to it. I'm confident."

The 21-year-old is coming off a win over Argentine Juan Chela at the Rogers Cup earlier this month. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Sports in brief

### Hargreaves lands with City

**SOCCER.** Manchester City made Owen Hargreaves the most unexpected signing of the summer transfer window when the injury-plagued midfielder joined on a one-year deal.

The Calgary-born Hargreaves was released by English champion Manchester United at the end of last season after failing to complete a match in three years because of knee, shoulder

and hamstring trouble. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Ellsbury heroic for Red Sox

**MLB.** Jacoby Ellsbury hit a tie-breaking two-run homer in the sixth inning to lead the Boston Red Sox to a come from behind for a 9-5 win over the New York Yankees last night.

The Red Sox, who lost the series opener 5-2 on Tuesday, extended their AL East lead over the Yankees to 1 ½ games and improved to 11-3 this season against the Yankees this rivals. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



# 'We've lost a lot in the last three months'

► NHL reeling after Wade Belak found dead ► League has also lost Derek Boogaard and Rick Rypien since May

The NHL's summer of sadness continued yesterday after recently retired player Wade Belak was found dead in Toronto, becoming the third enforcer to die since May 13. He was 35.

Belak's body was discovered at a downtown Toronto hotel and condo complex in the early afternoon. Specific details of his death were not immediately available.

The news struck a tragic chord around the hockey world, especially after the recent deaths of New York Rangers forward Derek Boogaard and Winnipeg Jets forward Rick Rypien.

"As everyone knows there have been some real losses that we've experienced over the years, but it never seemed like there was three in a row like this," said Pat Quinn, who coached Belak when he played in Toronto. "Anybody that's around this game, you feel like it's part

**"This is the worst summer I've ever seen with regards to tragedies in the NHL. I pray this all ends here."**

FORMER NHLER DAVE SCATCHARD'S REACTION ON TWITTER

of your big family, and that includes the fans and all the people that support these players and get to know them. We've lost a lot in the last three months.

"You don't replace it. You just hope the ones that are left behind can live through it and be all right."

Like Rypien and Boogaard, Belak largely made his living with his fists. He fought 136 times during an NHL career that spanned 14 seasons, according to hockeyfights.com.

The string of incidents has raised uncomfortable questions about a possible link between the difficult

role each man played in the NHL and his untimely death.

"We're talking about such a short period of time," said Craig Button, who was the general manager of the Calgary Flames when Belak played there early in his career. "It's not only about the deaths, it's the deaths that surround similar-type players."

"It's not just getting hit in the head, it's everything that goes with that (enforcer) role."

Belak was popular among the media off the ice because of his friendly, easygoing demeanor.

He spent parts of three seasons with the Predators prior to retiring over the summer. Belak was scheduled to work on Nashville's television broadcasts this coming year and had recently travelled to Toronto to be a contestant on the CBC show Battle of the Blades. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



► Wade Belak was found dead yesterday. He was 35.

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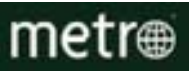
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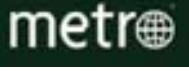
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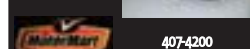
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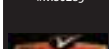


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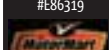
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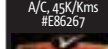
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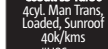
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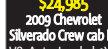
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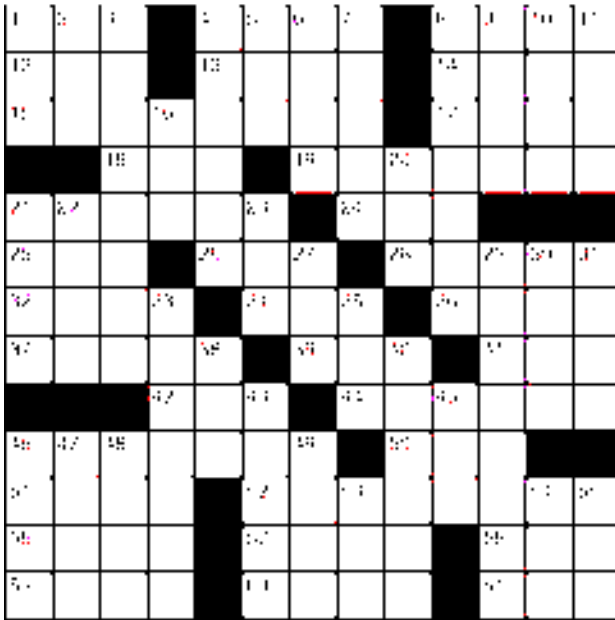
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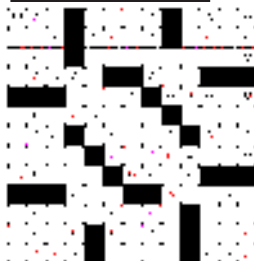
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12 Commotion  
13 Righthand person  
14 Abhor  
15 Short cannon  
17 Hibernia  
18 Stolen  
19 NASA or NATO  
21 Mercury or Saturn  
24 Yon maiden  
25 No longer stylish  
26 Uncivilized  
28 Bushel fourths  
32 Old card game  
34 Auction action  
36 Stereo alternative  
37 "Give me liberty ...!" speaker  
39 Pistol  
41 Triumphed  
42 Pick a target  
44 Fourscore  
46 Old Glory features  
50 PBS funding org.  
51 Hula —  
52 Wall Street partnership  
56 Troubles  
57 Neighborhood  
58 Rotation duration  
59 Sheltered  
60 Reply to "Shall we?"  
61 Baltimore newspaper  
**Down**  
1 "Go, team!"  
2 Altar affirmative  
3 Father of Pocahontas  
4 Pancake makeup?  
5 Claiborne of fashion  
6 Concept  
7 Roost  
8 Mathematical proposition  
9 Reason for a tarpaulin  
10 Macy Gray hit  
11 Appear  
16 Charged bit  
20 Aft.  
21 Luxurious  
22 Skywalker of sci-fi  
23 Bill  
27 Peruke



- 29 Ranch staff  
30 Entanglement  
31 Mitsubishi competitor  
33 Walk  
35 Payable  
38 Shriek bark  
40 Black-clad mercenaries  
43 Olympics award  
45 Bygone compact car  
46 Actor LaBeouf  
47 Turnpike payment  
48 Characterization  
49 Aching

- 53 Drenched  
54 Water (Fr.)  
55 Thesaurus wd.

### ► Yesterday's answer



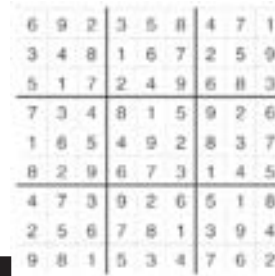
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## Today's horoscope

**♈ Aries March 21-April 20** The planets are urging you to slow down and stop trying to be first past the post in everything you do.  
**♉ Taurus April 21-May 21** Be on your guard when dealing with people who have mysterious motives.  
**♊ Gemini May 22-June 21** If someone tells you there is something you cannot have, go out of your way to get your hands on it.  
**♋ Cancer June 22-July 22** You may not be under pressure at work right now but don't use that as an excuse to lower your standards.

**♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23** Don't be surprised if people you thought were on your side pick at what you do over the next 24 hours.  
**♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22** You're not the kind to give up on something because it's not easy. Good. You're close to a breakthrough.  
**♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23** Something you thought you understood now baffles you. Focus on something else. The answer will come.  
**♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22** Don't let irritating people get to you. It will make them happy.

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**♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21** Your emotions could easily sweep you away over the next day.  
**♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20** A family problem doesn't seem quite so important now but the underlying conflict hasn't gone away.  
**♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18** Have you taken on too much? Just find ways to save energy and time — but keep moving forward.  
**♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20** You'll find yourself in a situation where you have to make an effort not to panic. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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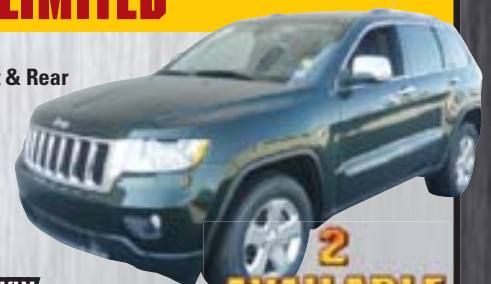


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